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In re application of }  
Johannis J. Den Boer et al. }  
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Sir:

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED 12 JANUARY 2007**

Herewith is responded to the Office Action mailed 12 January 2007 in the above identified application.

The response amends claims 1, 5, and 8 and adds new dependent claims 27 to 29. The total number of claims does not exceed 20 and hence no excess claim fees are expected to fall due.

However, should this response incur any fee, the Commissioner is herewith authorized to charge such fee to our Deposit Account No. 19-1800, or to credit that account for any excess fee paid.